

# Water Supply District of Acton

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August 24, 2004

Robert Johnson  
Board of Selectmen  
Town of Acton  
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*CHRISTINE -  
1) PLACE IN 8/27 MAIL  
2) ALSO PLACE UNDER  
SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS  
ON 9/13 AGENDA.*

RE: Acton Water District Water-Land Management Advisory Committee

Dear Mr. Johnson:

As you are aware, at the annual Water District Meeting held this past March, one of the Articles prompted a great deal of discussion with respect to the possible expansion of the existing Water District bounds.

As a result of that discussion, the Board of Water Commissioners decided to re-activate the Water-Land Management Advisory Committee that was originally authorized by a vote of the District Membership at its Annual Meeting in March of 1981.

The Committee consists of five members. Two are appointed by the Board of Water Commissioners, two are appointed by the Moderator of the District and one is appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

We solicited and received nine applications for the Committee. At our regularly scheduled meeting on August 16, 2004, the District Moderator appointed Mr. W. Arthur Gagne and Ms. Margaretha Eckhardt to the Committee. The Board of Water Commissioners appointed Mr. John Cipar and Mr. Barry Rosen to the Committee.

We have attached copies of the remaining five applicants.

Could you please forward this information to the rest of the members of the Board of Selectmen? We would like to have the full committee in place by October of this year.

Regards,

  
Stephen Stuntz, Chairman  
Board of Water Commissioners

**From :** <w2kadmin@205.178.173.187>  
**Sent :** Monday, June 7, 2004 9:04 PM  
**To :** <jim\_owataview@msn.com>  
**Subject :** Application for Committee

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Name: Eric Hilfer  
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WorkPhone: 617 926-6000 x284  
Occupation: Director of Software Engineering  
Email: hilfere@tomsnyder.com  
Date: Monday June 07, 2004  
Time: 05:04 PM -0400

CurrentMemberships:

Current member of wastewater citezens advisory committee ? *eligible*

Skills:

Interest in water conservation, member of Acton Citizens for Environmental Safety,  
solid science and engineering background

EducationTraining:

BA in Physics with several years of postgraduate experimental research at MIT.  
I have developed software with GIS systems for scientific and educational purposes.

Explanation:

I am very interested in protecting Acton's water sources, and dealing wisely with regional issues, especially given the influence of growth in the area, and the potential benifits of regional cooperation in protecting water quality and optimizing distribution and usage. Our current well fields extend beyond town boundaries, and it makes sense to look at our water in terms of geogrphical, rather than politcal, boundaries.



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**From :** <w2kadmin@205.178.173.187>  
**Sent :** Thursday, July 8, 2004 9:44 PM  
**To :** <jim\_owataview@msn.com>  
**Subject :** Application for Committee

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Name: Alan R. Mertz  
 Street: 10 Old Village Rd  
 HomePhone: 978-264-0926  
 WorkPhone: 603-566-1414  
 Occupation: Executive Manager, BAE SYSTEMS  
 Email: mertz@rcn.com  
 Date: Thursday July 08, 2004  
 Time: 05:44 PM -0400

#### CurrentMemberships:

No.

#### Skills:

Leadership, objectivity, common sense, desire to contribute.

#### EducationTraining:

BA, Gettysburg College, Physics Major  
 MS, AF Institute of Technology, Engineering Physics  
 MBA, University of Dayton, Finance

#### Explanation:

I will soon be taking an early retirement and I am interested in contributing to the community I live in. Water availability and quality are keen interests for keeping the quality of life here in Acton that we all have come to enjoy. I wish to provide whatever skills and knowledge I have to help the town.



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**From :** <w2kadmin@205.178.173.187>  
**Sent :** Monday, July 12, 2004 11:24 AM  
**To :** <jim\_owataview@msn.com>  
**Subject :** Application for Committee

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Name: Paul Sweeney  
Street: 68 Taylor Rd  
HomePhone: 978-263-6038  
WorkPhone: 978-764-7714  
Occupation: Project Manager - Consultant  
Email: paul@sweeneygroup.com  
Date: Monday July 12, 2004  
Time: 07:24 AM -0400

CurrentMemberships:

Skills:

Project management, business analysis, public speaking, documentation writing & presentation

EducationTraining:

Master of Science in Computer Information Systems

Explanation:

I have a natural interest and curiosity in the subject matter. For example, I am currently reading an old book about water management and public policy -- "Water or your Life" by Carhart. It's published in 1951 -- provides an interesting perspective on water management.

*sent at hour 1*



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**From :** <w2kadmin@205.178.173.187>  
**Sent :** Thursday, July 29, 2004 3:43 AM  
**To :** <jim\_owataview@msn.com>  
**Subject :** Application for Committee

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Name: Paul Malchodi  
Street: 2 Shady Lane  
HomePhone: 9782638631  
WorkPhone: 978-952-2141  
Occupation: Plant Manager  
Email: paulmalchodi@comcast.net  
Date: Wednesday July 28, 2004  
Time: 11:43 PM -0400

CurrentMemberships:

No

Skills:

I have a broad understanding of the technical and emotional and political issues associated with community utilities. I look at issues with a preference for carefull long range goal setting and action planning.

EducationTraining:

I have a BS in Mechanical Engineering and 25 years of experience as production engineer, supervisor and business manager in manufacturing businesses.

Explanation:

I value the long term success of the AWD as a community utility. I'd like to help extend this value into the future through careful planning. I have no current preference on the answer to the question at hand and believe that the best answers probably involves a broad range of complex issues. I am prepared to learn, discuss and communicate about these issues with all the effected players.

## APPLICATION FOR LAND AND WATER USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

"THE OBJECTIVE OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS TO CLEARLY DEFINE THE CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS, IF ANY, UNDER WHICH THE ACTON WATER DISTRICT SHOULD CONSIDER EXPANDING ITS SERVICE AREA BEYOND ITS CURRENT BOUNDARIES."

Tell us how to get in touch with you:

Name Charles Olmstead  
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Business Phone   
Occupation   
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Have you been, or are you currently, a member of any other board or commission in Acton?

If so, please list the name of the board and the dates you were a member

FINCOM 1992 - 1998  
Minuteman Regional High School Committee

What skills would you bring to the committee?

Analysis and Design Experience

Please list education or special training.

Finance, Engineering

In a few words, Please explain why you would like to serve on this committee.

Interest in future water resources for  
Acton.